

City of Whittier Boat Harbor – Rebuild Update # 3

February 21, 2011

Recap: Phase 1 of the Harbor Rebuild project involves using the pre-purchased sheet pile; dredging from the West boat launch to just before the City Dock; placing the sheet pile and installing new floats. While this has been in the works for several years, the funding has just been confirmed and the Council approved going forward. A bid package was released the first of the year, bids were received and the council awarded the contract to Harris Sand & Gravel from Valdez. This is the same contractor that completed the East Launch Ramp—on time and on budget. This project has a substantial completion date May 25, 2011 and a final completion of June 15, 2011. While this on-going project is underway, we will publish updates on a regular basis on the Boat Harbor page of the City of Whittier website: www.whittieralaska.gov.

1. The West gangway (next to the Harbormaster Building) has been removed; the only access to the floats is from the East Gangway. We have purchased two (2) dock carts for customer use. We are looking into purchasing a few heavier duty wheel-barrow type dock carts and have been approached to partner with the Whittier Boat Owner's Association to cover the cost. Thank you, WBOA!
2. The cross-over dock between C and D floats is from the finger between C-08/10 and over to the finger between D-07/09. The contractor has reconfigured the floats so as not to use the "finger-float" as part of the walk-way. Harbor staff added railings to the cross-over for safety and stability.
3. The Harbor Office has moved to a meeting room on the first floor, West end (tunnel side) of the Inn at Whittier. Our same phone and internet lines are up and running. Harbor business is conducted as usual. There is an outside entrance on the West (tunnel) end of the building, and signs have been ordered to help guide you to us.
4. ***SAFETY ALERT: During high wind days, 30 knots and above be very careful when using the outside/West-end door—the door is a challenge to open. The best entrance when it is extremely windy is the front side, single door at the top of the wheel-chair accessible ramp.***
5. The Harbormaster's Office Building has been turned over to the contractors and they have started preparation for moving the building toward the parking lot until dredging in that area is completed.
6. There will be no showers in the Harbor front area, although the Anchor Inn Store does have one shower. A Rent-A-Can unit will be installed on Wednesday, February 23, 2011 near the East Gangway. We will reassess these needs closer to the season.
7. The Harbor Shop has been relocated to a heated container placed between the Harbor Store and the East Gangway. Direction to the Harbor Officers regarding work order requests and general assignments will remain centralized through the Harbormaster's Office staff.
8. The temporary power for floats A, B, and C is connected and in running for service during the construction.
9. Potable water is being supplied about twice a month, by running a line from the fire hydrant near the City Dock onto the floats.
10. The GCI wireless equipment has been relocated in the harbor front area and is operational.
11. The NOAA weather (anemometer) equipment has been moved to the pavilion. When the Harbormaster's office is back in place, our wind gage will be brought back on line.
12. The public radio receiver/transmitter has been relocated to the ARCS shack across the railroad tracks. It will be returned to the Harbormaster's office when the building is back in place.
13. Parking during the next month will be limited. Vehicle parking will be up against the curb on the East-end of the Harbor parking lot near the East Gangway. The construction staging area will recede as the project progresses and more parking area will be available. Winter/Spring trailer parking will be on the East end of the Harbor parking lot--signs will designate the trailer parking, please park vehicle with trailer in the North/South direction. Check with the Harbormaster's Office staff for updated parking information. Parking for office business is across from the Inn at Whittier.
14. Annual Launch and Annual Parking Permits for 2011 have been shipped and are expected next week.

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